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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

EMERGING LEADER
Leading Self
An employee who aspires to become a leader should consider focusing their developmental efforts, at a minimum, in these areas:
- Problem Solving
- Continual Learning
- Team Building
- Accountability

Developmental Activities to Consider
- On-line skills courses
- Office-level projects
- Observational learning
- Mentor exploration

TEAM LEADER
Leading Projects
An employee who is currently leading projects or teams should consider focusing their developmental efforts, at a minimum, in these areas:
- Problem Solving
- Decisiveness
- Integrity/Honesty
- Influencing/Negotiating
- Accountability

Developmental Activities to Consider
- Team/project management courses
- Rotational assignments
- Supervisor shadowing
- Establish mentor relationship

FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR
Leading Teams
An employee who is currently leading teams should consider focusing their developmental efforts, at a minimum, in these areas:
- Strategic Thinking
- Decisiveness
- Technical Credibility
- Resilience
- Accountability

Developmental Activities to Consider
- Supervisor/manager refresher training
- Stretch assignments
- Cross-functional team projects/groups
- Guide/mentor others
- Explore coaching

MANAGER
Leading Programs
An employee who is leading projects or multiple teams should consider focusing their developmental efforts, at a minimum, in these areas:
- Problem Solving
- Influencing/Negotiating
- Financial Management
- Resilience
- Accountability

Developmental Activities to Consider
- Corporate leadership courses/programs
- Regional/national team projects/groups
- Senior Executive shadowing
- Receive leadership coaching

SENIOR LEADER
Leading Organizations
An employee who is leading major organizational divisions should consider focusing their developmental efforts, at a minimum, in these areas:
- Strategic Thinking
- Political Savvy
- Decisiveness
- Financial Management
- Accountability

Developmental Activities to Consider
- Cross-agency leadership courses/programs
- National-level task forces
- Cross-functional/career broadening assignments & positions
- Receive executive coaching